Author's response to reviews

Title: Peri-operative Data on the Nuss procedure in children with pectus excavatum: Independent survey of the first 20 years’ data

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Dear Editor / Mr. Zamvar
Thank you for returning your appraisal on the Nuss paper.
We had pleasure in addressing all the constructive comments of the Reviewers in the revised manuscript and we hereby provide a point-by-point response to comments raised:

Referee 1:
Point 1. A brief description of the evolution of the Nuss procedure is added and referenced (page 3 line 10-12).
Point 2. The alternative techniques are also now mentioned in addition to the Table 1(page 3 lines 13-16).
Point 3. Percentages are added in Table 3 and the erratum is rectified.

Referee 2:
Point 1. The correction on capnothorax is being made as requested, including the referee’s comment. Their technique is equally valid and matter of individual expertise and preference (page 6 line 25, page 7 line 1-2).
Point 2. The issue of age is being discussed as requested (page 7 line 12-18) and a relevant reference (26) from similar work in adult patients is being added.
Point 3. The primary cosmetic indication is now clarified and a brief mention of the other physiological ramifications of correction of pectus is done (page 3 line 7-9),.
Point 4. The postoperative considerations of pneumothorax and bar displacement are stated now clearly in addition to the previous data (page 6 lines 24-25).
Point 5. In addition to the table, we now verbalise the growth preservation potential of the Nuss procedure.